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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO SB/08 is a listing of documents known to Applicant in order to comply with Applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

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CERTIFICATION

The undersigned hereby certifies in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Statement.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

A translation of a portion of a Korean Office Action that issued April 29, 2003 with respect to a counterpart Korean patent application is provided below.

"The gist of all claims of the present application is a method of developing programs installed in systems controlled in real time, such as compact disc players or image processors. However, the software development method described in Cited Invention 1 that does not require a sub-CPU board for testing--whereby a CPU board program is transferred to the CPU board after debugging with a personal computer's self-compiler and the CPU board is activated--and the art relating to the in-circuit emulator system described in Cited Invention 2--whereby emulation can be achieved by interfacing with a host computer target system input-output board dry board [sic]--are understood as being extremely similar to the objective and problem to be solved of the invention of the present application. Furthermore, the display device, digital signal processor, analog signal processor, system interface device and the like, which are the core constituent elements of the present

application, are presented in a manner extremely similar to Cited Inventions 1 and 2, which are thus extremely similar to the invention of the present application in terms of constitution and effect, with other differences in constitution being no more than matters of choice which could be selectively adopted as necessary by a person skilled in the art or easily achieved by simple circuit modification. In this connection, no difficulty of constitution is found, and thus the invention of the present application could have been easily invented by a person having ordinary knowledge in the relevant technical field. (D 2

Attachments

Attachment 1 - Cited Invention 1: Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H06-175844 (24 June 1994), 1 copy

Attachment 2 Cited Invention 2: Republic of Korea Registered Utility Model Publication 0076805 (27 Aug 1993), 1 copy"

Applicant's statements regarding the Korean Office Action are based on a partial translation that Applicant's representative obtained. These statements should in no way be considered as an agreement by Applicant with, or an admission of, what is asserted in the Korean Office Action.

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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